

## **City of Atlanta Board of Ethics Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2007**

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Atlanta Board of Ethics was called to order by Chair John Marshall at 6:05 p.m. in City Council Committee Room 2. Attending the meeting were board members MaryAnne Gaunt, Susan Housen, Lawrence Levin, John Lewis, and Jacquee Minor and staff members Ginny Looney, Claudia Janka, and Trina Nkhazi. Board member Kenyatta Mitchell was absent.

1. Ms. Gaunt made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2007, meeting, which was seconded. The motion was adopted.
2. After discussing a request by a board member for a formal advisory opinion on appearances before city agencies, Ms. Minor made a motion that an ACoRA board member may not appear before the Bureau of Housing on behalf of a private interest to seek grants and support for housing subsidies. Ms. Gaunt seconded the motion, which was adopted. Ms. Looney shall draft a formal advisory opinion for the board to consider at its next meeting.
3. The board next discussed whether the prohibition in section 2-808 against appearances before city agencies precluding appearances on behalf of private interests before the City Council. Ms. Housen made a motion, with a second by Mr. Lewis, that the definition of city agency in section 2-801 does not include the City Council. The motion was adopted.
4. In considering project initiatives for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, the will of the board was for Mr. Marshall to write a letter to Mayor Shirley Franklin expressing the board's concern about way the ethics staff is separated and the need for contiguous office space of the Ethics Office staff.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Ginny Looney, Ethics Officer  
Adopted on March 15, 2007